

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification:

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-47 were pending in the instant application.

Applicants have canceled claims 1-47 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 1-47 were previously allowed in U.S. Patent No. 6,084,060 and U.S. Patent No. 6,280,724.

Claims 48-62 have been newly added. Support for the new claims can be found through the specification and in the originally filed claims.

Specifically, support for new claims 48 can be found, for example, at page 9, line 22 to page 10, line 20. Support for new claims 49 can be found, for example, at page 9 lines 22-29; page 10, lines 7-9; and in Example 1. Support for new claim 50 can be found, for example, at page 9, lines 8-12. Support for new claim 51 can be found, for example, in Example 2. Support for claim 52 can be found, for example, at page 9, lines 8-9. Support for claims 53-56 can be found, for example, at page 8, lines 5-22. Support for claim 57-59 can be found, for example, at page 9, lines 28-30. Support for claim 60 can be found, for example, at page 9, lines 2-3. Support for claim 61 can be found, for example, at page 9, lines 9-10. Support for claim 62 can be found, for example, at page 7, lines 19-20.

CONCLUSION

Claims 48-62 are pending in the Application.

Applicants request that the Application, as presently amended, proceed to substantive examination.

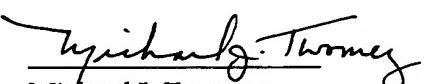
Applicants believe that no fees are required with the instant filing. However, in the event that any additional fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or to credit any overpayments, to Attorney Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would help expedite the successful prosecution of the claims, she/he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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